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Viet Namh Conditions For Peace

FIGHTING GOES ON

Paris, Jan. 10.
The French News Agency, in a dispatch from Saigon, said Viet Namh radio to-day announced that President Ho Chi Minh has sent a letter to the French Government outlining the conditions which Viet Namh considers necessary for restoration of peace in Indo-China.

The following are the conditions:—
1. Immediate cessation of hostilities in Cochinchina and Annam and Tonkin Provinces;
2. Settling into operation the Commissions for application of the September 14 modus vivendi;
3. Immediate resumption of the Franco-Vietnamese conference in order to arrive at a definite settlement of Franco-Vietnamese relations.

The letter recalled the friendship between the French and Indo-Chinese and blamed the present conflict on the "policy of force practised by certain representatives of France and Indo-China."

Meanwhile, the French High Command communique to-day said Viet Namhese in the Glanum region have been pushed back to the town of Thonol in a series of night operations by French forces.

There was some desultory Viet Namh artillery fire in Hanoi during the night and concentrated principally in the area where the Pasteur Institute and Shell Building stand.

French forces have recaptured the important frontier town of Son La near the Chinese border in Indo-China, French dispatches from Hanoi said.

French sources said the action indicated that French forces were regaining control of the frontier areas.

French dispatches said the Viet Namh President, Ho Chi Minh, had sent a letter to the French government outlining conditions which he would consider necessary to re-establish peace, including renewal of talks for definite settlement.—United Press

REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE
Saigon, Jan. 10.
The French liner, Faustin, to-day arrived at Saigon with troop reinforcements including the First Marine Regiment for the French forces now fighting in northern Indo-China.

The High Commissioner, Admiral Thierry D'Argenlieu, said on their arrival that "it is incorrect to say that a state of war reigns in Indo-China. The simple truth is that some operations for re-establishment of order are now in progress at certain points."—Reuter.

CRIME ON DECREASE IN HONGKONG

Police Steadily Winning Fight With The Underworld

YOU MAY FIND THIS HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT CRIME, SO FAR AS ROBBERIES ARE CONCERNED, IS STEADILY AND DEFINITELY ON THE DECREASE IN HONGKONG.

Mr D. W. MacIntosh, Police Commissioner, was able to make this clear in an exclusive interview with the "Hongkong Telegraph" to-day. His figures for robberies of all kinds—armed, housebreaking and street incidents—covering the entire colony up to the border for the month of December, were almost half of those for August.

The comparative figures are: August, 72; September 68; October 60; November 42; December 39.

And for these encouraging comparisons, the Police Commissioner assumes, with good reason, that the work of his force is very largely responsible.

Mr MacIntosh did not attempt to minimise the seriousness of Hongkong's crime wave, but he told the "Telegraph" that he believed the "police force," whose morale, he asserted, was extremely high, was operating to the highest point of efficiency possible in view of current conditions. He re-emphasised that the force was seriously handicapped by lack of up-to-date equipment, the absence of which was entirely due to procurement problems.

What is more, he said, the police force cannot afford to indulge in the spectacular at the expense of solid ground work.

The streets have to be kept clear, he pointed out, so that normal business can carry on in a normal way. This alone called for the full energies, not only of police squads and the detective branch, but also the traffic department. Without that sort of work every day, the

number of street robberies would be very much greater.

STREET LIGHTING
Mr MacIntosh said he was satisfied that many streets in the suburban areas were so poorly lighted that they contributed to after-dark crime. He declared that he was investigating this and was awaiting reports on the subject.

While admitting that crime was far more prevalent now in Hongkong than before the war, the Police Commissioner said that this colony was not so badly victimised in this respect as Singapore and other cities in the Far East.

He attributed the crime wave to the following: 1, a natural aftermath of war; 2, an incredibly inflated population, a stable proportion of which cannot find work because trading and industry have yet to get back to pre-war levels; and who therefore turn to criminal activities; 3, the presence in Hongkong of a number of "natural" criminals who, with wartime training in the use of arms, now have no hesitation in using them if they meet opposition.

200 IN TRAINING
Asked if he had considered implementing the professional police force with Vigantes in order to try and quickly eradicate Hongkong's criminals, Mr MacIntosh did not make a direct reply, but pointed out that the Police Reserve was in existence and that already 200 men in that organisation were being trained for police duties.

Questioned about the public's willingness to assist the police in their duties, Mr MacIntosh said his experience was that the people here were most public-spirited. He cited a number of cases recently illustrating the truth of his claim.

However, he reiterated the point he made at his first Hongkong press conference, that the police could be very largely aided in their work, and crime could be much more effectively combated, if the public generally was prepared to report incidents quickly to the police authorities.

In a final word about the war which the police force is waging on criminals in Hongkong, Mr MacIntosh said there was daily evidence that this fight was being won. The increasing number of apprehensions and police court convictions proved it.



Mr D. W. MacIntosh

FOUR MORE ARRESTS AT TEL-AVIV

Palestine Conference Latest

Jerusalem, Jan. 10.
Four alleged terrorists were arrested to-day during a three-hour search and screening of the inhabitants of Rishon Le Zion, one of the oldest Jewish townships in the country south of Tel-Aviv.

All four are believed to have been wanted by the security authorities for some time.

A number of persons were detained earlier to-day when hotel searches were carried out in the all-Jewish city of Tel-Aviv.

INVITATION TO PARLEY
The Palestine Higher Committee was to-day officially invited by Sir Henry Gurney, Chief Secretary of the Palestine Government, to send a delegation to the Palestine Conference, when it is resumed in London.

Jemal Hussein, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, said that he now considered that the cause preventing the participation of Palestine Arabs had been removed.

"Their attendance had been impeded by the Government's former intervention in the right of Arabs to choose their own delegates," he said.

The Higher Committee will meet on Sunday to consider its reply to the invitation and to select its delegates.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

JEEP ACCIDENT VICTIM DIES

Miss Alla Vassiliev, 32, of Nathan Road, who was critically injured in a jeep accident in Kowloon last night, died in Kowloon Hospital this morning. Deceased suffered a fractured skull.

The condition of Eugene Tachin, 32, of Cameron Road, remains critical from injuries to the head and concussion.

EDITORIAL

Encouraging Crime Report

THE figures given by the Police Commissioner to the "Hongkong Telegraph" (reported elsewhere on this page) conclusively showing that the authorities are surely, even if it is slowly, winning the war against the colony's criminals, are most encouraging and reassuring. We are glad to note, also, that Mr MacIntosh is convinced that the morale of his police force is high, their efficiency worthy, and that he has 200 police recruits in training.

Not that the Police Commissioner is self-satisfied; which is another good thing. The crime situation calls for no complacency. Rather, now that figures indicate the police are beginning to gain a stranglehold on the underworld elements, should every effort be strained to consolidate the gains made during the past three months. For example, it would be very nice to see some of those 200 trainees come into action as soon as possible.

Mr MacIntosh, in his statement, made two other significant points: the inadequacy of street-lighting in many residential areas which is stimulating lawlessness and the serious lack of modern equipment which has proved elsewhere to be indispensable in the job of rounding up criminals. In demanding that both these requirements be treated as factors of the utmost urgency, one must bear in mind the presentment in the hands of the Hongkong Government or private companies. But proper street lighting as a deterrent to thieves and gangsters, and proper equipment for the police force to carry out their work with the utmost effectiveness, must be counted as top priority concerns, and under no circumstances must they be permitted to languish in Secretariat files, to be dealt with at leisure and convenience.

The public must have all the protection available, and the police must be given adequate technical appliances for guaranteeing that protection. Both points are so obvious that there is no further need to stress them.

Truman's Budget Said Excessive

REPUBLICANS OBJECT

Washington, Jan. 11.
President Truman proposed a \$37,528,000,000 speeding programme for the Government's next fiscal year and the Republicans promptly blasted it as far too high.

President Truman, in his annual message, called his budget realistic and "hardboiled," but chairman Robert Taber, (Republican of New York), of the House Appropriations Committee, set out to trim it by \$8,000,000,000.

"Excessive in many respects," snapped Taber.

Chairman S. Bridges, (Republican, of New Hampshire) of the Senate Appropriations Committee, called the message an "acute shock to American payers" which had expected "tax reduction, debt reduction and cost of living reduction."

Over half America's foreign expenditure during 1947-48 will be in the form of loans for reconstruction or for trade expansion.

The President declared that the period of large-scale general relief was almost over, adding that the termination of UNRRA left the urgent question of refugees and displaced persons.

In addition to the British loan instalment, other foreign expenditures listed by President Truman were:

Export-Import Bank loans, \$730,000,000; Foreign relief, \$350,000,000; Military expenditures in foreign countries, \$645,000,000; Membership of international organisations, \$18,000,000; State Department Foreign Relations, \$173,000,000; Refugee relief and resettlement programme, \$325,000,000; Philippine aid programme, \$137,000,000.

Conceding that his estimated cost of national defence is "high," Truman contended:

"Although I expect the United Nations to move successfully toward world security, any cut in our present estimate for 1948 would immediately weaken our international position."

The recommended figure "represents a proper balance between security and economy," he said. The proposed overall national defence expenditure, of \$11,587,000,000 compares with an estimated \$15,150,000,000 for the current year for purely military purposes.

Atomic research and administration, now in the hands of the Civilian Atomic Energy Commission project, is due to be allotted \$443,000,000, although the anticipated outlay is carried under the "national resources" category rather than national defence.

The Army and Navy together will have an average strength during the year beginning July 1 of 1,640,000 men, about 500,000 less than in the present year.—Associated Press.

Irgun Announce A Temporary Truce
Jerusalem, Jan. 10.
A "temporary truce" against the British armed forces in Palestine was confirmed by the Irregular Zvai Leumi, the Jewish terrorist organisation in a letter to the Palestine Government's Public Information Office.

The letter asked the Office to announce the news in the form of a communiqué to the press. The letter was in an official British Government stamped envelope.

The Irgun has used official stationery to circulate propaganda in Palestine for some time. They are known to possess forged duplicates of almost all rubber stamps used by the Government departments in Palestine. These rubber stamps as well as official stationery are the work of former partisans who became skilled in forging passports in Underground printing presses in Europe during the war.

The letter gave no reason for the truce.—Reuter.

Office to re-enter Britain, announced to-day that he was returning to London on Sunday morning.

"My purpose in going there at this time is precisely what it was when I first went to Britain more than 14 months ago," he declared. "It is to convince the British people and Government that it is possible to arrive at a reasonable, just and permanent solution of the Palestine problem, and that the fate of more than 2,000,000 people depends upon immediate action in that direction."

Professor Smertenko complained that the ban was based on the "grotesque and deliberate distortion" in London papers of the statement he made on his return from the continent last month.—Reuter.

APPEAL TO POPE
Washington, Jan. 10.
The American League for a Free Palestine has submitted a memorandum to Pope Pius XII, drawing his attention to the "epidemic of suicides" that will shock the world among the 150,000 Jewish refugees in European displaced persons camps, the headquarters of the League announced to-night.

The memorandum appealed to the Pope, according to the League announcement, to "alleviate the plight of these people and win for them peace and security—a normal and dignified life which is the right of every human being."

The League has also asked the International Red Cross in Geneva to inquire into the circumstances of the death by shooting of Palestinian Israel Epstein, allegedly while attempting to escape from an Italian prison.—Reuter

Special Race Editions

For the first annual Hongkong Jockey Club spring race meeting to be held since 1941, the "Hongkong Telegraph" next week will be turning out special editions.

A second and final edition will be published on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday, containing results, pari-mutuel prices and winning cash sweepstake numbers for the first six races.

This special edition will be on the streets shortly before 5 p.m.

TEXT OF EXTORTION LETTER

PENINSULA HOTEL ON THE ALERT

Following receipt of an extortion and threatening letter from the "Overseas Youth Action Organisation," extra precautions are being taken at the Peninsula Hotel to protect residents as well as property.

Everything that is delivered to the hotel is being closely scrutinised, while residents have taken it upon themselves to form groups of Vigilantes.

Demand For \$5,000
The "Telegraph" this morning was given a copy of the threatening letter received by the management of the hotel. Dated "6th January of the 36th Year of the Republic of China," the letter reads:

"The Peninsula Hotel, above Hotel, that the Organization has been directed to station in the Hongkong Area aiming at the up-setting of the orders of the British Government, and the termination of Foreign rule in 'Hongkong'. The maintenance fees will, therefore, be subscribed by all big firms in the Colony, and, in this connection, you are to pay the amount of \$5,000 once for all."

You are to arrange to send your staff to take the morning express train on the 10th instant, destined for the Of Kwan Boarding House in Shekling, and have your firm's name "Grand Peninsula" registered on the room booked. The said money will be collected by our representatives then, whether on the way or at the boarding house. A delay in payment will then be recognised as hostile, and should you report to the Police for protection, the bombardment will be of a more severe nature than the previous ones.

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(Signed) Chan Chuen, Unit Commander, The Overseas Youth Action Organization.

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FILM FAN FARE

Saving Space In British Studios

The greatest problem facing British film studios to-day is the shortage of studio floor space, essential materials and worn pre-war equipment. How are British studios combating this problem? By every trick to save space and material, by new British manufactured equipment, and using new ideas such as "Silent Turnover" to eliminate waste.

A good illustration of what can be done to save space is the example at Denham Studios, England, where on one of the two largest stages there has been a remarkable feat of construction. For Eric Ambler's production, "The October Man," starring John Mills and Joan Greenwood, seven sets have been built on this stage.

Six of the seven sets are interiors of the suburban hotel which is the major background for "The October Man"; the seventh is the interior of a laboratory. Several of the sets are double tier efforts, with a double staircase built up through the centre of the hotel. To photograph scenes of John Mills and Joan Greenwood and Kary Walsh on this staircase, director Roy Baker and Erwin Hillier, the director of photography, used one of the Denham cranes as a rostrum with effective results.

ROBERT TAYLOR IN A WESTERN ROLE

Everything comes to him who waits, and Robert Taylor, who has always wanted to play a Western role, gets his big chance in "Billy the Kid," dramatic saga of the last frontier and of the man who wrote Western history in gun smoke.

The spectacular new M-G-M production was filmed in Technicolor and was photographed on four locations in Arizona's picturesque Monument Valley.

Although Taylor is a skilled horseman and owner of his own stables, his first Western role caused him long hours of study in other fields. He took lessons in handling a gun from a rodeo star for weeks before he was satisfied with his ability to portray "The Kid."

What made it harder was the fact that he had to learn to use the gun with his left hand!

The film is currently showing at the King's.

Hardwicke Defends Old Movie Colony

Now look who's defending Hollywood—Sir Cedric Hardwicke!

"The motion picture does not profess to be an art," he said while sipping coffee with spoon in the cup—on the set.

"It is an industry, and as such it does a magnificent job. This is the only place in the world where there is lightness and gaiety. Hollywood brings brightness into millions of humdrum lives."

Sir Cedric is gloomier about his own medium—the stage. "In the theatre they are more interested in selling their plays to the movies than in putting on good productions," he remarked.



Scene from "Tarzan and the Leopard Woman" shows Tarzan (Johnny Weissmuller) being threatened by Queen Loza (Acquanetta), priestess of a murdering sect of jungle outlaws. The film is now at the Alhambra.

It happened in Hollywood

By LEROY MARCH

Charles Chaplin steadily refers to the picture he's now making, "Monter Vieux," as a comedy, but, possibly at the risk of displaying ignorance, I can't quite see eye-to-eye with Chaplin on this classification. Charlie, in the title role, is more than somewhat addicted to murdering women, and is finally hauled off to the guillotine to make amends for this lethal hobby. This doesn't sound at all comic.

With the talking picture now celebrating its 20th anniversary, it's particularly interesting to look back at one set of comments made on a test report on Fred Astaire, one of the first persons brought from Broadway and considered for talkie stardom. This initial report on Fred said: "Difficult to photograph. No dramatic ability. Poor speaking voice. Thin hair. Not a romantic type. Dances."

Bing Crosby is firm in his contention that he's through with radio unless he is allowed to make the programme on records for rebroadcast, rather than be upon to do a "live" show before an audience at a certain hour every week. Bing favours this transcription system because it would allow him to get as many shows ahead of broadcast schedule as he might choose to, and thus he would not be confined to town for his radio appearances week after week.

As soon as Louis Calhern finishes "Arch of Triumph" in Hollywood, he will return to New York to take over once again the starring role in "The Magnificent Yankee" on the stage there, and when the play has completed its run he will come back to star in it as a picture.

HOLLYWOOD HEARSAY: Gilbert Roland will probably become the Cisco Kid just as permanently as Bill Boyd has become identified with the Hopalong. He will probably become the Cisco productions already released didn't cost too much to make, and are proving exceptionally popular and profitable at the box office. . . . Alexis

Cinema Guide

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QUEEN'S—Leave Her to Heaven.

KING'S—Billy the Kid.

ALHAMBRA—Tarzan and the Leopard Woman.

NEXT CHANGE

QUEEN'S—Naughty Nineties (Thursday).

KING'S—Bedelia (Friday).

ALHAMBRA—Ice-captives (Friday).

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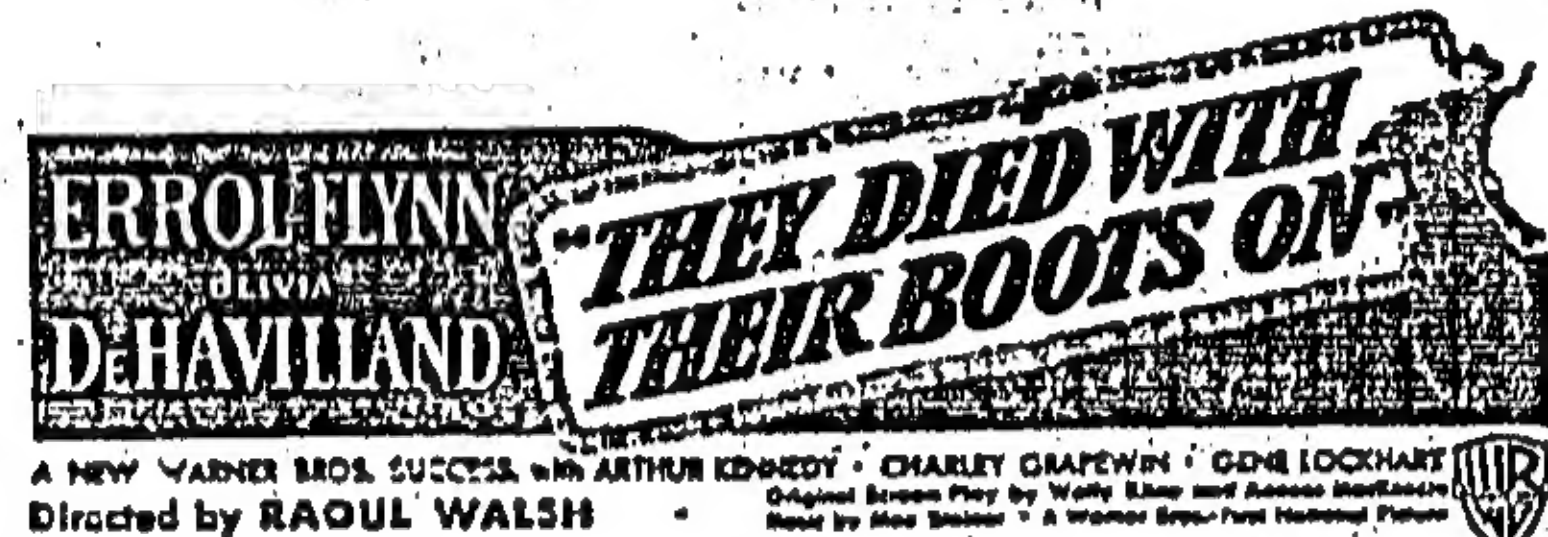
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WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Berlin idea of what's smart...



IN an attempt to put German fashion houses back on their feet Berlin is holding its first large-scale post-war dress shows.

Sketched here is one of the outstanding designs by a famous German fashion artist.

Chief buyers of the new clothes are the wives of Soviet Army officers. They are paying as much as £125 to secure new models; as much as £50 to have a dress made up in their own material.

The main interest of these clothes from the fashion angle is the way they repeat the new trends already reported from London and Paris.

Working in isolation, the German designers have arrived at the rounded neckline, softened sleeve, deep cut neck, narrow waistline, and back-of-the-head hat, emphasising that the new softened silhouette represents a world-wide change-over in fashion.

The Perfect Figure

Zoe Mozart, whose job it is to design eye-appealing wall calendars featuring girls, has given her observation that the perfect face and the perfect figure have yet to be combined in one woman.

She adds: "The woman with a perfect figure has a broad nose with a flat bridge and an upturned tip, high cheek bones and a pointed chin."

As examples, she cites motion picture actresses Marlene Dietrich, Claudette Colbert, Miriam Hopkins and Margo.

SEAWEED AND PEANUTS

From the beaches of the Hebrides and the forests of Brazil comes the basis of much of modern dress.

Seaweed is the source of what is known as "alginate rayon". Latest research is devoted to a new plastic which is convertible into a fantastically fine and soft fibre.

A recent discovery is a wool fibre called ardil, made from peanuts. A complicated chemical process produces a cream-coloured, woolly material superior to the natural article in being non-inflammable and mothproof. Although it does

not wear so well as wool, a mixture of wool and ardil gives a highly satisfactory result, and the production is much cheaper.

A filament rayon yarn discovered in Leeds produced the finest worsted cloths the world had yet seen. It had one drawback—it was soluble in an alkali solution, which meant having to have it specially processed every time it required washing.

That is where the seaweed comes in. Alginate rayon, the seaweed fabric, acts as a strengthener to the rayon without coarsening it or adding weight. From the mixture emerges a cloth weighing one and a half ounces a square yard.

Miss Mozart, herself a beautiful brunette, has gazed upon hundreds of feminine models in the last six years while painting four figures each year as a calendar artist. Her calendar girls wear scanty attire or sometimes only a few discreet slinkies. Sometimes, she uses herself as a model, with mirrors.

A girl with a broad, upturned nose, high cheek bones and pointed chin can almost invariably be counted upon, she says, to have a high rib box—that is, the bony protuberance under the bosom—and for art purposes that is good.

She will also have a small waist, a high, firm, upturned bosom, small rounded thighs, and finely modelled knees. Also, for some reason, her feet have high arches and she is skilful with her hands, as in cooking or sewing.

Miss Mozart finds that Hedy Lamarr, Norma Shearer and Greta Garbo, all of whom have thin, beautiful, finely formed noses and rounded chins, are inclined to "thickness of body." Betty Grable and Lana Turner "lack rib boxes." Associated Press.

Yellows and greens are returning

These dyes of many colours which helped to protect the combat soldier by giving him camouflage in the jungle and helped to save the airman by giving him a bright yellow-easy-to-see rubber boat for his rescuers to find, at last are back in peacetime production. It is obvious that the ladies are pleased.

Varying shades of yellows and greens are among the colours being used by the Dyers' and Finishers' Association for fabrics which will be used to make this year's smart clothes—party frocks and gay sports outfits.

And the dark navy blue, no longer in prime demand for uniforms, again will give the smart English man and woman dressy suits in the shades they have wanted for so long.

The rubber boats, or dinghies? They are being sold as holiday gifts to give the children more sport at the seaside.—Associated Press.

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Should Married Women Work

By LEE KERSH

Wife of Gerald Kersh, the novelist

ALL about me I hear the flutter-headed poppets of a new generation talking weighty nonsense about emancipation—about women's right to work; careers or marriage, and so on.

And whenever I hear them I think of Mme. Curie and Mrs. Jet.

Mme. Curie did work which a navy would boggle at during hours which no trade union would sanction, and at the same time was able to provide her husband with companionship, physical care and spiritual sustenance in a way that few women may boast of equalling.

MRS Jet, an unknown and undistinguished charwoman of my acquaintance, managed through her slavery to the bucket to support for nearly twenty years an invalid husband and to launch four children on to the world with a fair chance at survival.

These two certainly demonstrate that a woman can work and at the same time be a good wife and a good mother.

BUT—and here is the crux of the matter—why should any woman who is neither a Mme. Curie nor a Mrs. Jet want to work outside her home?

Minute Make-up
GABRIELLE



Sallow skin needs care but while giving it care, choose "pinkie" shades in makeup. Wear a Rose-colored scarf next to your skin for the "reflected glow." Deepen your lipstick shade to a Rose-Red. And don't forget to match your lipstick to your nail polish.

There are three kinds of work in the world. The work that you feel—regardless of every other consideration—you've got to do; the work you really have to do in order to earn a living; and every other sort of work.

THE first sort is beyond discussion. You'll do that anyway if you must. You'll do it against your own interest, against the interests of your dependants and the advice of your friends. If you fail you will almost certainly be called a fool. If you succeed at it you may become a genius—like Mme. Curie.

Nor is there much to say concerning the second sort. If you and your dependants cannot survive except as a result of your labour, then that labour becomes no more than an inevitable means to an essential end—as in the case of Mrs. Jet.

It is, therefore, around the third sort of work—work which is probably not of the slightest importance biologically, socially or culturally—that most of the heart-searching controversies centre.

And in this case my vote goes entirely to marriage. It is completely beyond my comprehension why any woman who is happily married and has a home of her own should want to exchange the comparative freedom and the complete authority of such a situation for the difficulties and ambiguities of an outside job.

In her home a woman is—even if she is sole executive and does all her own work—the managing director. Even if her husband is of a difficult temperament, she has at the very least only one person to satisfy with her stewardship—whereas in an office, or a shop, or a factory, there is not only an immediate boss to please, but very often a whole tribe of them.

AT home she is secure from dismissal; she is protected from the worst savageries of climate, since she may adjust her shopping and outdoor work to her barometer. If she is very tired and wants a rest, or very happy and wants a holiday, she can take time off, making up for lost time on some other occasion.

Nor have I any sympathy with the argument that women should work so as to be financially independent. Any woman who feels that she must bring home a pay-pack in order to justify her existence has no proper respect for herself or her functions as a wife and mother, as the maker of a home, as helpmate and companion to her husband.

Work is a means to an end; not an end in itself. If you can work towards the happiness of your home and your family—why not get on with that particular job and leave the rest to the less fortunate who have no choice?

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By LOIS LEEDS



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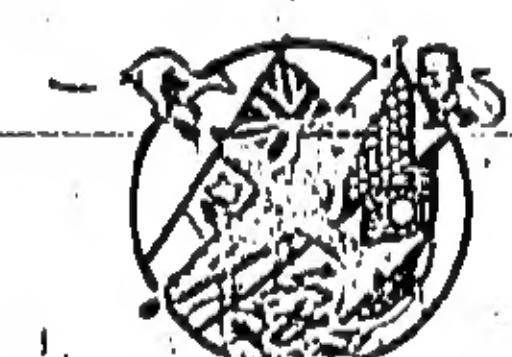
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To-day the Hongkong Telegraph begins a series of articles which tell you how people really live there. The author was British Press Attaché in Moscow from 1942 to 1945. He edited the British Ally, a daily paper printed in Moscow.

By **JOHN LAWRENCE**

Formerly of the British Embassy in Moscow

FAMILY relations in the Soviet Union nowadays are not so different as one might suppose from family relations elsewhere.

Young people dream of romantic love and like to read love stories. The ideal set before them, both by the State and by public opinion, is to marry and live faithfully and to bring up a family.

It is considered good, if man and wife can stick through life with their first choice, but allowance is made for the frailty of human nature, and if two persons cannot get on together public opinion does not condemn them for separating.

The State at first maintained a neutral attitude, but has now begun to take a hand. Since 1944 it has been impossible to get a divorce without going to court, and the cost of divorce is substantial.

Good Parents

The most effective discouragements, it seems to me, lay in the provision that everyone seeking a divorce must publish his intention in the local newspaper.

In Moscow there was only one paper which accepted such announcements, and it limited itself to three a day, so that there was a long waiting list.

Soviet citizens do not attach any importance to having their "marriage lines" and it is up to any couple to decide whether to call themselves man and wife or not.

On occasion a girl will refer to a man as her husband; soon after she may deny that she is married. Nobody minds.

One meets none of the sex-starved people so common in our own society; but there are plenty of neurotic people of other kinds in Russia. To do justice to some of the extraordinary life-stories I have been told would need the qualities of Chekhov and Edgar Allan Poe combined.

After making allowances for vagaries of the Russian temperament, one does come across an unduly high percentage of psychological casualties. It is to be expected that in a country where the war has been so long and so hard, and where the hardships and uncertainties of a revolutionary period and what to too much sexual licence.

Taking the good with the bad, the Soviet code of sexual ethics has worked out fairly well in terms of human happiness. The Russians are excellent parents, but it is sad to see so many children with step-parents. Everyone now seems agreed that in the past things were too lax.

Abortion is now forbidden under severe penalties, but it is very prevalent.

The Women

WHAT about the women of Russia? This is the verdict of Kay Oakman, a member of my staff in Moscow.

Women in Russia do a lot of heavy work—for instance, taking up redundant tramlines and repairing roads, clearing the streets of snow, which packs down hard—sometimes to a depth of nearly a foot.

Russian women are much tougher than ours. They are short and they are allowed to do nearly all the hard graft yet are not the least exempted from the normal household chores.

I think the position of women may alter now that the war is over, partly because there will be more men to do the heavy labour, and partly because the Russian authorities realise the necessity for women in the home.

This is shown by their recent decision to separate the education of boys and girls.

It is a fact that women in Russia to-day are deficient in the art of house-making. Very few can sew well enough to make their own clothes. Hardly any can knit.

When any of the British girls, obliged to wait somewhere, look out their knitting to occupy the time

It makes all the difference if you are registered at a good shop and are entitled to buy up to a high "limit," for not all customers are permitted to make the same purchases.

There is no system of rationing for clothes and goods other than food comparable with our system of rationing, but the same result is achieved in another way.

The amount of goods you can buy—and, in some cases, the discount at which you buy them—is fixed according to the work you are doing. Further it is usual for the employer to supply the employee with at least some clothes, so that your standard of dress depends on the organisation you work for as well as on the work you do.

Russian queues are longer and move more slowly than ours do, and Russian officialdom has the vices of bureaucracy in a very special degree.

Serious Crime

As a result, it takes a long time to get anything done, and the dependants are generally very busy standing in queues and drawing supplies for the household. In addition, they have to do any buying on the open market.

These markets, which exist everywhere, are ordinary open-air markets with stalls, and anyone is allowed to trade there. You can sell the produce of your own work for whatever you can get. For instance, if you grow vegetables on your allotment you can sell them for the best price you can get, so long as you and your family have done all the work.

But if you employed somebody else to work for you and then sold the produce for a profit, this would be "exploitation," and you would be in serious trouble if found out.

Similarly if you buy somebody else's produce for resale—that is, if you act as a middleman—you are guilty of speculation, which is one of the most heinous crimes in the Soviet calendar.

By the strict letter of the law it is forbidden to exchange products (as opposed to selling) at the markets. But a good deal of bartering does go on, and the police sometimes wink at it.

It is possible to get most kinds of foods at the market, including bread, milk, butter, vegetables, potatoes, and even good quality meat.

Prices

From the spring of 1944 the "commercial shops" began to re-open. These are State-owned department stores. The biggest in Moscow is officially known as the Moskorg, but is often called by its old name "Muir and Mirrises."

(This shop was founded by a Scottish family before the revolution, and is not the only case of a shop that has been taken over by the State since being called by the name of its former owner.)

The policy of diverting practically all factory production to war needs got the country through the military crisis, but in turn produced problems which required an urgent remedy. Not merely did people's clothes and household necessities begin to wear out, but the food shortage became seriously aggravated.

There was always enough food in the country to have enabled the towns to live a good deal better than they did, but the peasants did not feel the need to undertake long and difficult journeys to town to sell their products in exchange for a pocketful of roubles with which nothing could be bought. This is a well-known type of crisis which occurs whenever there is a famine of goods.

Rush, then—

A situation was developing with very large potential purchasing power in the hands of the public—particularly the peasants—but with no way of absorbing this purchasing power into circulation. Prices of uncontrolled goods soared, and the peasants saw still less object in bringing food into market.

The Government solved both problems simultaneously by putting a limited supply of goods for sale at the commercial shops at prices fixed by the ordinary process of supply and demand, but it was a commercial price. This is what is meant by calling these shops commercial shops.

At first the prices were fantastic by our standards, but the shops were overcrowded from the start. As soon as the first wave of buying was over the prices fell, and have continued to fall.

Nowadays everybody uses the commercial shops to some extent, though, of course, privileged people are able to use them more. Army officers and those whose work is considered important receive a discount of up to about 30 per cent. "Commercial restaurants" were opened soon after the commercial shops and by the end of last year it was possible to have a good meal with drinks for about the same price as one would pay in a London restaurant.

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Advertisements in the newspapers are mainly from factories trying to obtain special types of worker, but theatres, cinemas and public lectures are advertised just as they are here.

In the Soviet Union there are no small tradesmen: the prohibition on speculation and on employing labour makes it impossible to keep a small shop.

It is open to a group of craftsmen to go into partnership as an artel, which is a simple form of producers' "co-op" traditional in Russia. There are, for instance, many artels of watch-makers.

Skilled workers often earn extra money in their spare time, but generally the little man does not flourish as an economic unit. And I say the Soviet Union is the poorer.

NEXT SATURDAY:
The Birth of A Baby
In Russia

NO ADVANTAGE IN BEING 36

MR HAROLD NICOLSON writes a delightful article in the Spectator on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday. "I see no advantage in being 60," he says. "I wish I wasn't."

And yet I envy him. Who (like me) would want to be born in the early years of this century? It was too late.

First we had a war, followed by rationing and high prices. After that we had a depression, wars in China, Abyssinia and Spain, and then war everywhere all over again. And now more rationing.

More than half my life has been spent under rationing, war and depression. Now the sixty-year-olds had a fine time. From their birthdays in 1888 until 1914—time enough to grow up and get married and have children—they lived in an era of prosperity.

No doubt some of the more early characters got it all by drinking too much port; and the worker, maddened by his living conditions, was driven into the gin shop. (I believe the advertisements used to run: "Drunk for a penny: dead drunk for a shilling.")

But sober, sensible, fortunate people like Mr Nicolson roamed the world at leisure, consumed the finest foods, studied at the best academies, entered on successful careers and, never, never, never stood in a queue. More than half their lives has been spent in a world of security, sanity, progress and plenty.



By **ALAN MOOREHEAD**

No wonder the parents of my generation used to pine for their lost youth and tell us that boyhood was the happiest time of life. It was—for them. But not, I submit, for us. We never had the joy of riding in a hansom cab, or drinking prewar beer, or first love coming into the world, or cycling placidly in straw boaters and reading Marie Corelli.

We can only remember a world deafened and bedeviled by the multiplying noises of the airplane, the telephone, the radio and other high explosives—none of which has contributed much to human happiness.

WE lost in other ways. England was a place of talent when the young were coming into their prime. At the turn of the century men like Shaw, Bennett, Sturt, Barrie, Galsworthy, Wells, Hardy, Pinter, Maugham, Kipling, and Gosse had either arrived or were about to spread their wings.

ZBW Should Wake Up!

WHEN twiddling the knobs of my radio set the other night, I suddenly came upon a station in English which, at the conclusion of a refreshing musical item, announced its closing down for the night.

Before signing off, the announcer gave particulars of the following day's programme. Apart from a well-assorted selection of items, he announced that news and other announcements would be broadcast in seven or eight languages. The station was Singapore.

What an opportunity Hongkong is missing!

I am, of course, assuming that ZBW can be heard for a few hundred miles; and taking such to be the case, what a lot of good might be done by putting on the air programmes calculated to foster more friendly relations with our neighbours. A few heart-to-heart talks by fluent speakers, stressing the better and happier things in life. An effort to make the other fellow understand our point of view, and to realise that the wider his knowledge of world affairs, the more likely he is to discover what weaknesses may lie in pursuing an isolationist policy.

If the voice of Hongkong can reach Japan, there is a very particular reason why it should be heard in that country. To give the Japanese a picture of what Hongkong was when they were driven out—to what a state their militarists had reduced it—and to tell them how, under a resumption of British rule, justice and sanity again reign. A few extracts from the evidence being heard in the War Crimes Courts should have a profound effect.

I should like to see reciprocal radio talks between Hongkong and Canton and other Chinese cities. We should then learn a lot about each other, and from this we might well go on to interpret quiz contests. We sometimes feel that Chi wishes to remain an enigma, but feel sure that mutual regard will be encouraged by means of a medium which is at the disposal of both sides, and which can be highly entertaining and instructive.

ZBW does not earn high praise for its programmes, and it is about time that it took a little more pride in its work in the interest of the Colony generally.

I often listen in to Manila, because the programmes are appealing and have the saving grace of originality. I wonder whether Manila listeners find Hongkong as exhilarating!

I don't grouse just for the sake of grouching. In fact, I consider that what Hongkong needs above all things is some really constructive criticism—call it grouching if you will. Of course all this is useless, if as usual one is saddened in calling to mind the water and the duck's back.

ARE YOU SURE? ANSWERS

(Questions on Page 4)
1. At Blaney Castle, near Cork, Ireland. 2. Hallbut. 3. Rain. 4. On the west coast, 5. Norway. 6. The tuba. 7. In Athens, Greece. 8. 20. 9. Jess Willard. 10. Haiti. 11. China. 12. In 1780 by Klaproth.

Nothing comparable in the arts has happened since then. This is an age without elegance or wit. There are scarcely half a dozen first-class playwrights working for the English stage, not a dozen first-class novelists in the world.

The only really sociologically important thing that has happened in my lifetime—the discovery of penicillin—doesn't seem much to put against the vast explorations with which the 60-year-olds grew up.

To say that genius thrives on poverty seems to me to be the purest bunkum. Whether it is an opera star, a poet or a cricketer, you have to feed them up on steak and eggs to get the best results. (Let us leave Bernard Shaw out of this.)

ONE of the saddest things I've heard—sad and threatening—was this homily from the lips of a West End maître d'hôtel, who worked in London under Escoffier in 1913 or thereabouts.

"When you ordered turtle soup it was made from real turtle. Everything was genuine and abundant. Then after the first world war the quality of food and cooking in England collapsed. By 1939 it had still not recovered. Now the quality has slumped still further. I shall never see turtle soup again."

I know you will argue that the 60-year-olds have had to suffer all this as well as I. But at least they got off with a good start and they have their memories. If anything good comes along now I doubt whether my generation has either the taste or the constitution to enjoy it.

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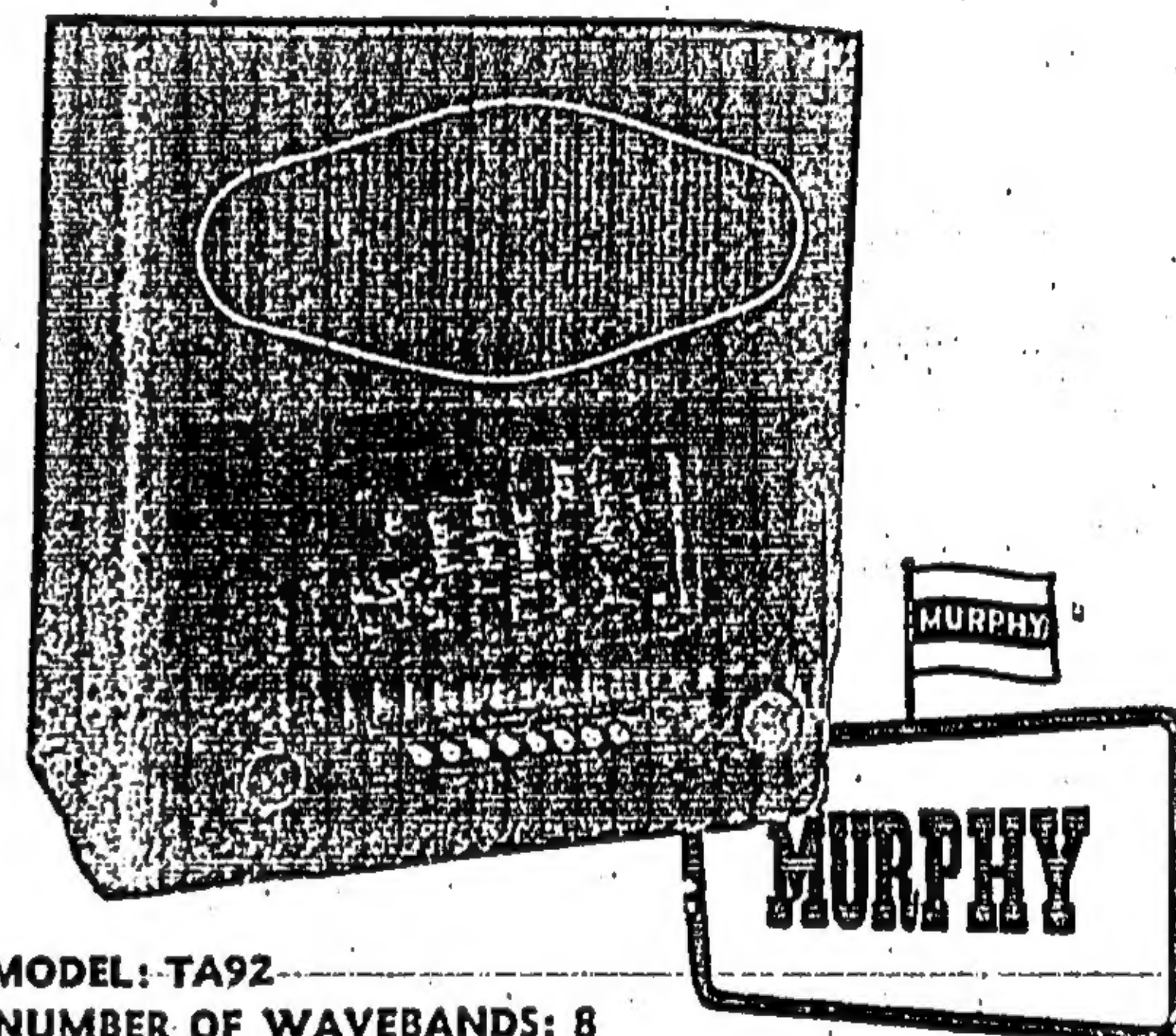
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Year in Hospital

As a result of a chance letter to Lady Louis Mountbatten, she arrived in Johannesburg, by luxury plane in time to spend Christmas with her dying son.

"I was in at the start of this most human story fifteen months ago when British troops entered Singapore," writes Frank Roston, Daily Express reporter in Johannesburg.

"One of the first women to follow us into the liberated areas of the Far East was Lady Mountbatten. She raised the morale of liberated prisoners of war tremendously when she visited them in their camps. I remember her finishing her talks with: 'Now, boys, if there's anything I can do don't hesitate to let me know. And I mean that.'"

At Changi, Pte Edwin Smith listened with his pals. For the last year Smith has been among the six hundred British war wounded still languishing in Baragwanath Hospital, just outside Johannesburg. A few months ago medical officers indicated that Smith was sinking slowly through tuberculosis, with little chance of living.

"His mother started trying to come to South Africa to see her son before he died. She was willing to travel by cargo boat, cattle ship, any way—but in vain. At last a couple of Edwin's hospital-ward mates had a brainwave and wrote to Lady Mountbatten. She arranged immediately for Mrs. Smith to fly to Johannesburg. 'I met her in Edwin's Christmas-festooned ward quietly reading to him. Edwin himself removed his oxygen mask to say: 'This is my luckiest break of the war.'"

BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER

Arthur Peall says

When you are playing pool, you should be careful not to let your opponent know what you are thinking. The only way to do this is to keep your face straight and your hands steady. If you are playing pool, you should be careful not to let your opponent know what you are thinking. The only way to do this is to keep your face straight and your hands steady. If you are playing pool, you should be careful not to let your opponent know what you are thinking. The only way to do this is to keep your face straight and your hands steady.

THE LAWS OF FOOTBALL OFFSIDE-3

How much a bone of contention is the offside law was amply shown in the correspondence columns of the local press this week. Last week I outlined the two basic parts of the law; this week it is the "un-lenses" I wish to enlarge upon.

The latest issue of the "Referees' Chart" (I received a copy only this week) sets them out very clearly under four separate headings. A player is not offside if he is in his own half of the field (when the ball is played mind you), has two opponents between him and their own goal-line, the ball is touched or played by an opponent or it comes to him from a goal-kick, corner kick, throw-in or when it has been dropped by the Referee.

It isn't often that a question of offside arises from goal or corner kicks or when the referee drops the ball; I have often seen forwards run back as the ball is being thrown in from touch under the impression, of course, that they may be ruled offside. As soon as the ball is touched by another player that protection comes to an end.

KEEP OUT OF THE WAY

The Referees' Chart (which includes on each page a column headed "Advice to Players") is at some length to remind players that if they are offside when the ball is kicked the only thing they can do is to keep out of the way. Only by an opponent playing the ball or by it going out of play can a player become on-side.

It is left absolutely to the discretion of the referee whether he shall penalise a player who is offside. Referees are directed not to whistle up players who are in offside positions if, in their opinion, they are not interfering with play or in anyway benefiting from being offside. Many full backs will do well to bear this point in mind.

SPORTS FEATURES

SOCCER SEASON'S HIGHLIGHT IN FORTNIGHT'S TIME

LOCAL soccer interest is now rapidly concentrating on the Interport matches to be played on Jan. 22, 23, 25 and 26. To-morrow, at Causeway Bay, the principal trial match for the selection of the Hongkong team will be played. If this match produces the same bright football as we saw in the trial game at the Caroline Hill on Tuesday the big crowd which is expected will certainly have its money's worth.

This afternoon sees a resumption of the Shield Competition. Eight first division sides meet in second round matches. Two of these matches may prove one-sided; but the games in which the Navy meet Kwong Wah (Navy ground 2.30) and St Joseph's meet 45 Commando (Civic Ground 2.30) will be full of interest. Kwong Wah expect to field a much stronger side than that which fell to South China last Sunday and will fully extend the Navy. St Joseph's are well matched with 45 Commando; indeed, this is the tit-bit of to-day's fixtures and it will be no surprise if extra time is played.

VALUE OF TRIAL MATCHES

A lot of people don't like trial matches: they argue that they prove nothing and as often as not are a waste of time. I have seen many sorts of trial matches, some have produced dull football, others the reverse. If nothing else such matches show a player's adaptability; whether he can adjust his game to fit in with strangers with whose style of play he is unfamiliar. A trial match also has the virtue of freeing players from week-by-week routine—in other words they can have a go on their own if they feel like it and very often they surprise themselves.

I thought Tuesday's match was full of interest. I noticed that Hau, Sing Tao's right back, was often to be seen making it with the half backs, quite enjoying himself in breaking strange ground. All the players who caught my eye as fairly sure of their places were in the same side. They were Hau (Sing Tao), Lau Chung-sang, (Sing Tao) playing at right half back, Haggie (Navy), inside right and Tsao (Sing Tao), in his usual place on the left wing. Schultz, of Land Forces, who played at inside right for the opposing team and moved to centre forward in the second half, was a newcomer who has many possibilities. I liked his tricky footwork and the confidence with which he out-witted Powell in scoring early in the second half.

Schultz, who is playing in to-morrow's trial, is rather like Stick-

land of the RAF. He is obviously an accomplished footballer but is handicapped by lack of height and weight. Stickland is a grand player but has two very redeemable candidates for the inside forward berth who have stronger claims. Lai Shui-wing of Sing Tao and Chow Man-chi of South China both have consistent records of steady top-top play to their credit.

UNSOLVED PROBLEM

The centre forward problem, however, is unsolved. There is a whole string of names who all will fit into any other forward position, each one of whom can be guaranteed to feed a sharp shooting leader of the attack. A few weeks ago Jones of the Navy showed much promise but has not come up to expectations. The selectors will just have to face facts and ask themselves the plain question "Who will do better than Lee Wal-tong as leader of the Hongkong attack?" The question must be answered very soon. What a relief it would be if only Redman, late of 1/5 Commando, were available!

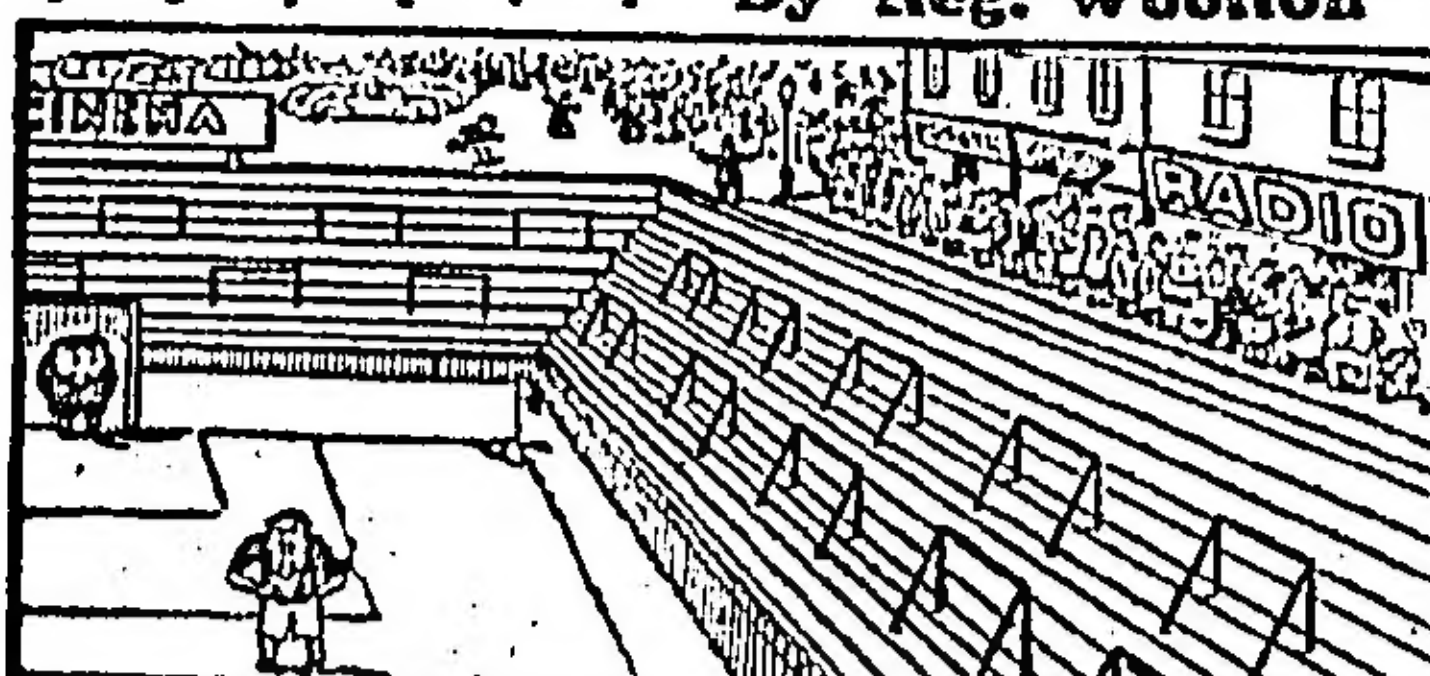
Missed penalty kicks have again been very frequent. In the trial match on Tuesday a spot kick rattled the cross bar. In Saturday's Navy v. St Joseph's match spot kicks were missed by both teams. The Saints might have saved a point had they converted theirs. CASC have also missed penalty kicks which would have altered the whole course of the game. A goal-keeper has little hope of saving the well-placed kick. He is compelled to stand on his goal line until the ball is kicked; he is not permitted in any way to narrow the angle by advancing towards the ball.

All kinds of suggestions have been made for a goalkeeper when faced with a penalty kick. Some stand just a little to one side of the dead centre usually leaving the right side more unguarded. The idea behind this is that most goal-keepers are much better on their right side (Powell is definitely) and feel easier about that half of the goal. There is also the feeling that they may tempt the kicker to choose the larger space to shoot into.

SPORTING SAM



By Reg. Wootton



FASTBALL NOTES

Players And Supporters Have Lost Their Pre-War Enthusiasm

(By "Spectator")

WHAT has come over the local fastball world? There is no getting away that interest has slacked, as is evident in the current League season. This can be seen in the way players turn out in a multi-coloured collection of uniforms with no two alike; the low standard of play—no doubt through lack of practice, if there is any practice at all; the sparsely attended games; the absolute discarding of fastball by the many femmes who did in pre-war days display interest supreme.

Although most, if not all, the women players are back, where is their interest? Let alone not playing, they are seldom seen in numbers at the park. Further, the game is not rooting—there used to be plenty of it—it is conspicuous by its absence. Our fans and players alike are awfully quiet these days! One would think they were attending a funeral instead of the spiritedness that goes with fastball.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Pre-war, on a Sunday, "the family" went to the ball game. All roads led to the Kowloon Football Club in Chatham Road. There was a specially packed when there was a big match. It was a pleasure to spend a day there; some brought their lunch baskets. Believe it or not, it did happen! One game after another, first the girls, then the boys, were locked in battle. It was fun for all. Everyone, player and fan, was in the right spirit.

Dotted about the field were the players in neat uniforms according to their club colours. For instance, there were the spits and spans whites of the St Joseph's and Cyclopes and the blue and white of the Recreio among the men. And there were the beautiful colours of the Wahooks, Cardinals and Little Flower Club among the ladies. All the teams were well equipped. Right rivalry was of the keenest and as a result standard of play was high. The game was speedily speeded up by the dynamic ball-playing Fathers, the all-American Mohawks. They were good and you had to be good too to be anywhere near them.

What's wrong—there is at least something—with our present League? With "pioneer" Prexy Doc Molten, Vice-Pres. Jimmy Shepherd, Hon. Treasurer Dick Chung, hardworking pre-war and present Hon. Sec. Tony Ribeiro and "facts and figures" Philo Remedios—the last named keeping official record of games—at the helm, the running of the League cannot be in better hands. But they are not magicians—they cannot make former mammoth crowds of ball fans, neither can they insist that players hand out a better brand of ball.

There is, however, nothing much wrong with the keenness of the eight teams now competing, or else they would not have been formed. Talking of keenness, the fact that the "talapash-busy-men" Baseballers (all-American?) are still there turning out week after week without fail in spite of defeats—even if they do turn up in their limousines—is one example. Perhaps, the game suffers because players find it difficult to have time to practise in view of "daylight wasting." Perhaps, it is

NO GIRLS' LEAGUE

And then the "feminine interest" is not present. There is no League for the girls—rather the girls do not want to play. Feminine fans and players formed 50 per cent or more of the fastball crowd. Most of the former leading lights in the ladies' section are noted to be around. There are the Mar sisters, Lily, Gloria and Mary, Cynthia and Thelma Motta of the all-dominating Wildcats; Irene Pereira and Dini Lopes of the Recreio; Terry Noronha, Socorro and Alda Castro of the Wahooks; Alice Mar and Elvie Yuen of the Cardinals; Ella Chinn of Chung Wah; Lilia Xavier and Margie Xavier of the Panthers; Hilda Soares and Dolly Brown of the Cardinals; Hilda Antonio of the Little Flowers. Between these girls they should quite easily gather enough teams for a League to be formed. A girls' League is sure to boost the game in some way, say what you like! Meanwhile, here's hoping our fastball people really let themselves go and return to former popularity!

DIARY OF WEEK-END SPORTS

Principal sporting fixtures for the week-end are the soccer Challenge Shield games in which both first and second divisions will be engaged. Here is the full sports diary:

TO-DAY

SOCCER

Challenge Shield Competition
FIRST DIVISION
Eastern, 4 p.m. Referee, C. Tunstall; linesmen, P. George and A. Leek.
Navy—Sing Tao v. 44 RM Cdo., 4 p.m. Referee, L. G. Young; linesmen, Cpl. H. Filmer and Tsang King-hong.
Sookunpo—St Joseph's v. 45 RM Cdo., 4 p.m. Referee, K. K. Ip, linesmen, Lui Shiu-ming and E. L. Strang.
Navy v. Kwong Wah, 2.30 p.m. Referee, LAC F. Roberts; linesmen, P. M. Xavier and E. Lawrence.
SECOND DIVISION
Caroline Hill—South China v. Dockyard, 2.30 p.m. Referee, L/S D. Sparrow.

CRICKET

Kowloon Cricket Club—K.C.C. v. I.R.C., 2 p.m.
H.K.C.C.—Married v. Single, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY

SOCCER

INTERPORT TRIAL

Navy—Probables v. Possibles, 3.30 p.m. Referee, CPO Rogers; linesmen, Kwok and F. A. Barretto.

LEAGUE

Navy—Navy v. 3 Cdo Bde HQ., 2 p.m. Referee, R. M. Omar.
Club—RANC v. Police, 2.30 p.m. Referee, F. J. Silva.
Club—Sing Tao v. Club, 4 p.m. Referee, F. N. Bullock.

LAWN BOWLS

K.C.C.—Northumberland and Durham v. K.C.C., 3 p.m.
Kowloon Bowling "Green Club"—K.B.G.C. v. H.K.C.C., 2.30 p.m.

FASTBALL

H.K. Baseballers v. Canadian Chinese; Rovers v. Hotshots, 10.30 a.m.
St Joseph's v. Chung Wah; Recreio v. Giants, 2 p.m.

Rugby

INTERNATIONAL FINAL

The following teams have been picked to play in the finals of the Rugby International Series to-day on the Club Ground at Happy Valley at 4 p.m.

Irish-Weish—Gray (Capt); Foley, Burgane (Cdo), Williams (Navy), Stanley, Acton (Cdo), Sugden (Navy), Wynyard (Navy), Founds (Cdo), Parry (Navy), Guest, Dalmore (Cdo), Graham (Club), Paine (Cdo) and Oliver (Police).

Scotland—Henderson; Stewart (Club), Henderson (Army), Cessford (Club), Reid (RAF), Thompson (Navy), Dorward (RAF), Meffan, McWhirter (Club), Wood (Cdo), England (Cdo), Capt. Manson (Police), Wood (Navy), Taylor (Club), Goddard (Cdo).

Prior to this game on the same ground Club "A" will play 3rd Commando Bde "A".
Club "A"—Ingham (Capt) Barclay, Nelson, Hutton, McVay, Muriel, Kerr, Colchester, Speyer, Cowie, Mann, Benn, Wright-Nooth, Brown, R. Stewart.

Umpires are as follows: First game—A. M. Omar, Almeida and R. Samy; second game—Molten, Woo and J. Delgado; third game—Figueroa, Lawrence and Baptista; fourth game—Robbins, A. Ozorio and D. Chung.

Now She Wields The Garden Hoe

WILLS MOODY IN RETIREMENT

BEN COOK
United Press Sports Correspondent

Santa Monica, Calif.

The woman who dominated international tennis two decades ago, Helen Wills Moody Roark, now lives with her memories of past triumphs—content to play tennis occasionally with her husband and work in her garden.

Now 40 years old, Helen plays tennis several times a week with only occasional forays into tournament competition. She spends almost as much time cultivating her flowers and irrigating her avocado and citrus trees as she does winging a tennis racket. But when she does play, Helen Wills Moody still has that grace of stroke that made her one of the world's great feminine stars.

Helen has memories of great moments at Wimbledon and Forest Hills, and she still considers Suzanne Lenglen the late French star whom she never was able to defeat—the best woman tennis player of all time. And that includes the present crop of international stars, led by Pauline Betz of the United States.

Genius Among Women

"Suzanne was a genius among women tennisists, just like Bill Tilden was among the men," she reminisced when interviewed by United Press at her home here. "She had every and she was incomparably steady."

Helen's most recent tournament appearance, and her first since 1941, was last May in the Southern California tennis championships. She teamed with US men's singles champion Jack Kramer to win the mixed doubles title.

"I probably shall continue to play in local tournaments but the big events are out for me so far as the future is concerned," she said. "Her usual opponent these days is her husband, Aldam Roark, excellent internationally known polo player and now a motion picture executive."

Once the toast of the international tennis set, Helen Wills lives a quiet life with Roark at their home in the exclusive Riviera district where they grow flowers, fruits and vegetables, entertain friends and get away occasionally for a five-minute drive to the beach.

"When travelling gets easier we want to go to Europe and up through Scandinavia, spending quite a bit of time in Sweden," she said.

Mrs Roark revealed that she had been forced to turn down an invitation to join the US Wightman cup team this year, which made a clean sweep of international competition in England and Europe. "Although I wanted to make the trip with them, I just could not be away from home that long," she explained.

She believes that present day girl tennis stars are just as good, overall, as they ever were, including when Helen Wills Moody was a great name in tennis. But Helen does not feel there are the individual greats in tennis to-day as there were two decades ago.

"Pauline Betz does not have to take a back seat to any player," Helen said. "I have not seen a lot of the post-war stars but I feel Pauline is any example I would say that generally the players are as good as ever."

Helen Wills Moody won her first US singles tennis championship in 1922, when she was 17 years old. For almost a decade, she dominated national and international play.

In Wightman cup matches, she lost only two singles contests while winning 10 from 1923 to 1932.

Her greatest rivalry was with Helen Hull Jacobs to whom she lost by default at Forest Hills in 1933, blaming her action on an ailing back. She came back two years later at Wimbledon when she won one of the historic matches of all time.

Her most active tennis career was over when she and Frederick S. Moody of San Francisco were divorced August 23, 1937. Two years later she eloped with Roark and they were married at Las Vegas, Nevada. —United Press.



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PICTORIAL RECORD OF CURRENT EVENTS



HONGKONG'S NEW GOC, Maj-Gen G. W. E. J. Erskine, CB, DSO, inspecting the guard of honour present at Queen's Pier to greet him on his arrival last Friday. Gen. Erskine succeeds Gen. Forster, who is leaving to-day. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



WAR CRIMES COURT—Above are pictured members of No. 5 War Crimes Court—from left to right: Capt K. R. Busfield, Lt-Col R. C. Laming (president) and Major J. T. Loring. At left, Major G. B. Puddicombe, Canadian prosecutor, snapped in court. (Photos: Mrs Hedda M. Morrison).



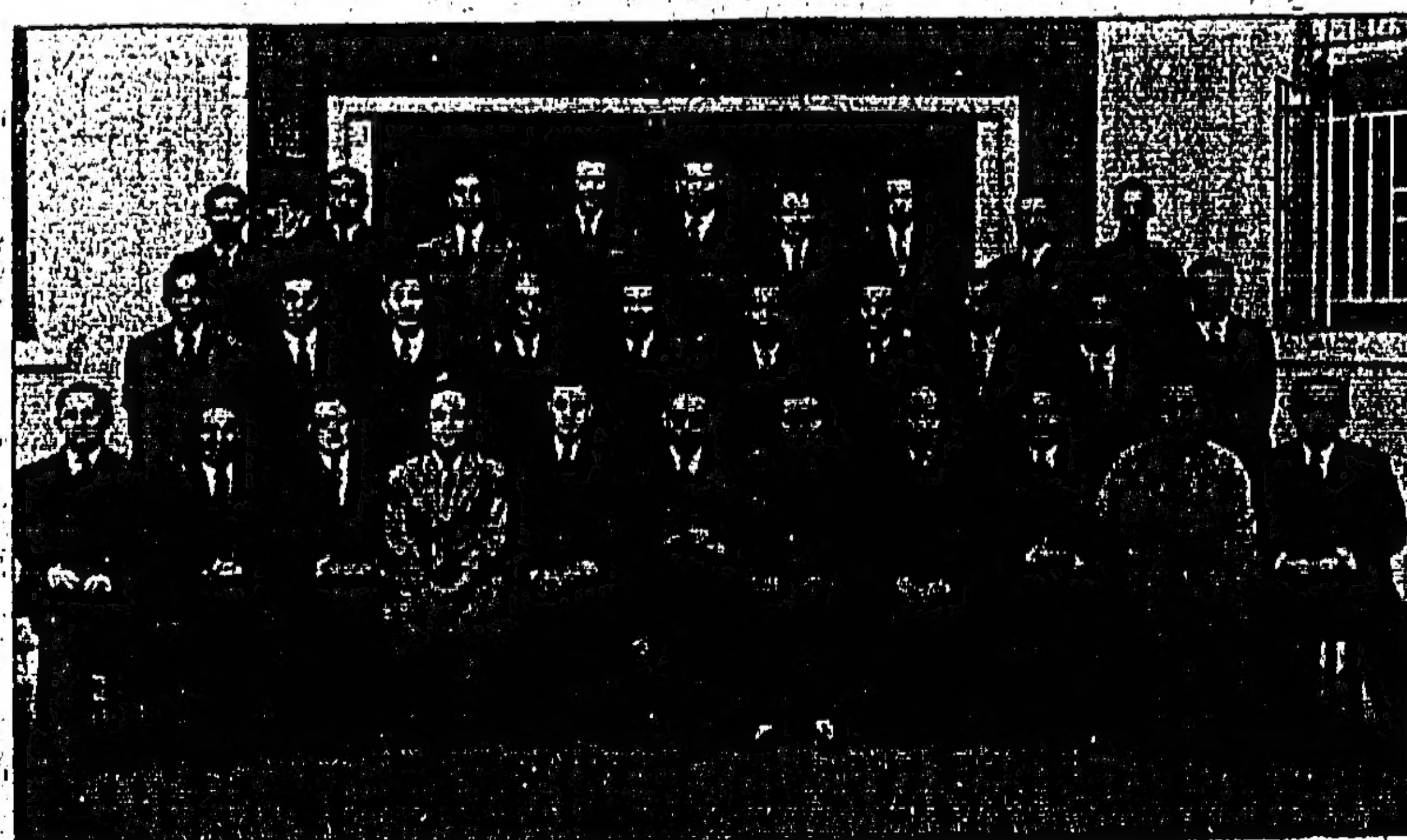
SOCONY BOSS in Canton, Mr W. C. Watson, and Miss Elizabeth Otey photographed after their wedding at St John's Cathedral last Saturday. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



MR CHAN HOW CHEK and his bride, formerly Miss LO SHUI SIU, photographed with their attendants. The marriage, according to traditional rites, took place at the Kam Ling Restaurant last week. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



ST TERESA'S CHURCH was the scene of the wedding on Sunday of Mr FUNG SUN YU and Miss LEE HON-SIU. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



COMMITTEE members of the South China Athletic Association. In the centre of the front row is Mr Ngan Shing Kwan, the president.



LONDON MOSLEMS at Heathrow airport, where they gathered to welcome the Moslem League president, Mr M. A. Jinnah, on his arrival for talks with the British Cabinet. They are soon carrying the League flag.

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Wax Head Produced In Court

Bristol, Jan. 10. There was a gasp from the crowded magistrate's court here to-day when a realistic wax head was produced showing, according to a doctor-witness, the location of the injuries on the head of 34-year-old Cecil Cornock, whose widow is charged with murdering her husband.

The prosecution say that Cornock was drowned after his wife had hit him with a child's toy boat while he was tied up with a rope in a bath.

When the doctor said that the injuries shown on black marks on the model head could have been caused by a toy wooden boat, Mrs. Cornock leaned forward and said quietly: "It is untrue."

Another witness, a police constable, told the court that the 34-year-old widow told him, without reticence of her husband's abnormality.

Mrs. Cornock, the witness said, had stated that they had not lived a normal life during their whole 13 years of marriage.

A locked suitcase held articles of women's clothing and Mrs. Cornock said: "My husband keeps a room in London where he uses these things."—Reuter.

Gissimo Not Catholic

Boston, Jan. 10. The National Catholic Welfare Conference refuted in a statement to-day the report published in the United States that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his wife are taking instruction in the Roman Catholic religion.

The Conference statement said that a cable received from Nanking on January 3 denied this report.

The statement added: "The Generalissimo has always expressed interest in the work of the Catholic Church in China and its affairs, but stories telling of his proposed entrance into the Catholic Church are without foundation and have no basis in fact."—Reuter.

Foreign Planes Over Greece

London, Jan. 10. Britain is among the Allied Governments to whom Greece has sent a report of further alleged "violation of Greek territory by foreign planes, seeking to help guerrillas," it was learned on good authority in London to-day.—Reuter.

Correspondence

H.K.V.D.C. Association And Members' Problems

(To the Editor, H.K. Telegraph)

Sir.—We of the association cannot thank the Press too much for the editorials which have been current in local papers.

This point of clothing allowance is one that has assumed such importance—when it could be so easily settled. It is obvious to any person who lives in Hongkong that the amount as a payment in lieu of issue is totally inadequate. Local conditions must be taken into consideration and what is possible in England is not possible here.

The total number of men involved in this matter of clothing is around 500. With the amounts that are being spent here in the colony at the present moment by various government departments the cash necessary to pay an increased allowance is negligible.

At Home millions of men have been demobilized and millions of outfits issued. It would be no great difficulty to send measurements and orders Home from patterns. It is admitted that it might be a little troublesome.

There are other matters which still await consideration by the local government.

After being officially demobilized since January 30, 1946, final cash settlements have not been made.

Volunteers whose wives were in Hongkong during the occupation are entitled to marriage allowance. They are very kindly granted a separation allowance which is much less than official army marriage rates.

Members of the Volunteers returning after their internment have found their homes entirely gone and unless they are connected with Government departments or larger firms and it is impossible to carry on paying hotel rates. Some indeed have given up trying and after spending years in the colony have left it with a bitter taste in their mouths. Surely some part of derelictioned property might be allocated to these needy cases.

The Singapore association, notwithstanding its difficulties, has had the pleasure of discussing these difficulties with representatives of the Government. The secretary of this Association wrote to the Colonial Secretary on December 20 last. A reply acknowledging receipt of his letter and stating that information regarding the matters mentioned, which were similar to those mentioned above, would be forwarded in due course. This was after months of trying to get decisions and answers through official channels. It seems that we are up against the brick wall of officialdom. This wall does not let much light out, and it doesn't seem to let much light in. Otherwise even the blindest of officials must see that there is growing discontent.

Let me assure Government that it has in the Association members, and even those ranks of the H.K.V.D.C. who are not members, who are loyal servants. Loyal servants are always hard to find and are always worth a

fair wage or recompense. That is all we ask.

ROBERT LEXON,
Hon Sec H.K.V.D.C. Association.

WORLD FOOD COUNCIL AGREEMENT

Washington, Jan. 10. Full agreement has been reached on the creation of an 18-nation World Food Council within the framework of the United Food and Agricultural Organisation.

The full draft of the agreement is now being completed and studied by member governments, and details are expected to be announced on or around January 20.

The final agreement, it is understood, represents a considerable departure from the original proposals for an "over normal" world granary and sweeping powers for a world food board to buy and store surpluses against the days of scarcity as originally envisaged by Sir John Boyd Orr, UNFAO Director-General.

The agreement similarly leaves discretionary powers to each member government. The chief function of the Council will be to coordinate the work of the Food and Agriculture Organisation with the proposed International Trade Organisation.

In this connection "sample" commodity agreements for all major agricultural commodities have been worked out for eventual implementation by the International Trade Organisation.—Reuter.

FIVE BURNED TO DEATH

Singapore, Jan. 10. Five persons were burned to death and five were critically injured in a fire at Sittawan, near Ipoh, last night. No details of the outrage are yet available, but it is believed to be connected with Chinese political unrest.

The police have spread a wide net for five men who are alleged to have been implicated in the attack. The district has recently suffered from activities of gangsters and kidnappers.—Reuter.

WAR CRIMES COURT PICTURES

The Hongkong Telegraph is indebted to Mrs. Hedda M. Morrison for the pictures of Hongkong war crimes courts published on Monday and in this issue.

A keen photographer, Mrs. Morrison has taken a large number of pictures of Hongkong scenes and happenings since her arrival last year.

A. R. Morrison is the wife of Capt. A. R. Morrison, adjutant of the HKVDC.

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ROBERT LEXON,
Hon Sec H.K.V.D.C. Association.

Internment Reflections

THINK NOT OF THESE

Think not of the present's senseless days,
Monotony of hours that crawl.
The organised futility
Of life within a prison's wall.

Think not of weakness, pain and death,
Starvation and the will to die;
The wasted limbs, the laboured breath,
The fevered brow, the unseeing eye.

Think not of treachery, graft, deceit,
The subtleties of the cowed;
The ache of loneliness that comes
From feeling always in a crowd.

Think not of hope so long deferred,
That hearts grow sickened with delay,
And hastened death is even preferred
To the slow torture of decay.

Think not of scores of wasted lives,
Victims of national greed and pride,
The friends that we shall see no more,
Though love of them has never died.

Think not of these; but let the mind
The joys of happier days renew,
Dwell on the past's unbounded space,
And Freedom's unrestricted view.

Nay, think of happy days to be—
The fellowship of sight and hand
Renewed with those we love, re-
turn

To the dear shores of our own land.
Of children's laughter, terror free,
Of music, books and holidays,
Of recreation's healthful gifts,
Enjoyment's thousand harmless ways.

Such be the weapons of our fight
Against the mind's anxiety;
Till ends the dark dream of this
long night

In the breaking dawn of Victory.
G. B.
May, 1944.

REDS FANNING HATRED

Cleveland, Jan. 10. Former Foreign Minister of Mexico and delegate to the UN Security Council, Exequiel Padilla, speaking before the Institute of World Affairs, to-day charged the Communists were using all in their power to create hatred in Latin America against the United States.

He said it is a great relief to know that the secret of the atomic energy is in the hands of the democracies. When the secret becomes known to the world it will be a day of sadness.—United Press.

Search For Oil In N. Guinea

New York, Jan. 10. The Australian Information Bureau announced to-day that the Australian Petroleum Company soon will undertake an extensive search for oil deposits in fabulously rich New Guinea.

The survey will start at Alkariava, 10 miles inland from the southern coast.

L. J. Hunter, formerly with the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, will be in charge of the survey, which will cost \$2,000,000 and which will be financed by three major oil companies.—United Press.

OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the time stated below.

Saturday, January 11
Airmail: Bangkok, Singapore, Colombo, Surabaya, Sydney, Auckland, 3.30 p.m.
Sea Mail:
Hankow, 1 p.m.
Shanghai, 2 p.m.
Fuzhou, 3 p.m.
Saloon, 3 p.m.
Amoy, Swatow, 3 p.m.
Manila, 3 p.m.
USA, Central and South America, Canada, 3 p.m.
Tientsin, 4 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin, Shekai, 4 p.m.
Kobe, 4 p.m.
Canton, 4 p.m.

Sunday, January 12
Airmail: Bangkok, Cebu, Delhi, Johannesburg, Cairo, London, 10 a.m.
Amoy, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, 10 a.m.
Sea Mail:
Tientsin, 10 a.m.
Macao, Tientsin, Shekai, 10 a.m.
Kobe, 10 a.m.
Canton, 10 a.m.

Monday, January 13
Airmail: Bangkok, Singapore, Colombo, Sydney, Auckland, 3.30 p.m.
Sea Mail:
Tientsin, 3 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin, Shekai, 4 p.m.
Kobe, 4 p.m.
Canton, 4 p.m.

TO-DAY'S BROADCAST

ZBW on 845 kc from 12.30-1.15 p.m.
6.30-1.30 p.m. and 9.15 p.m. also on 9.52 mc.
6.30 Variety: 7 London Relay: News;
7.10 London Relay: News; News;
7.15 Studio: "See Trees" Soccer Commentary; 7.25 Interlude; 7.30 Studio: "Unit Request"—New long Calling H.M.S. "Pena"; 8.30 London Relay: Richard Murdoch in "Much-Blinded at the Marsh" with Kenneth Horne; 9 London Relay: News; 9.10 Weber: Fantasia on Melodies by Johann Strauss; 9.37 Gladys Swarthout (Vocal) with Andre Kostelanetz & His Orchestra; 10 Music for Dancing; 11 Close down.

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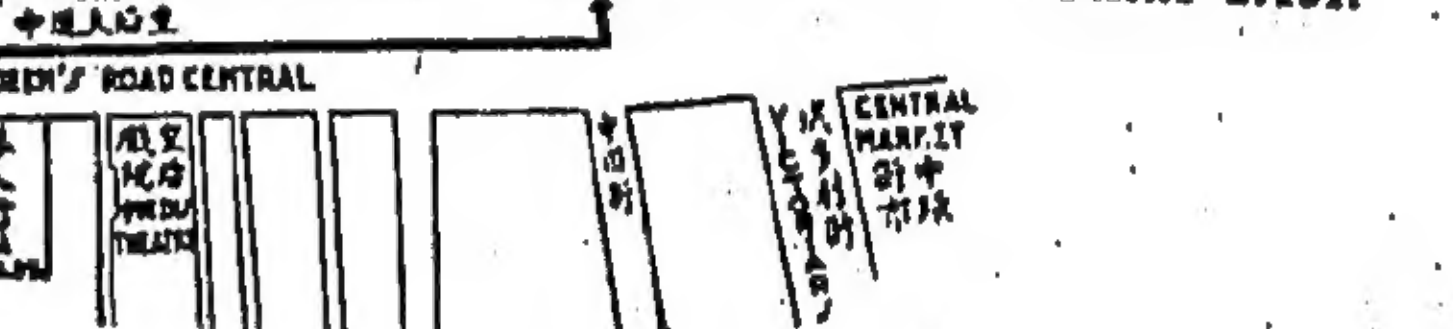
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